

# MINUTES

**Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Task Force  
Thursday March 5, 2009  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
93 Cottage Street**

**I. Call to Order at 8:34 AM by the Chair pro-tem.**

*Members present: Chris Fogg, Vice-Chair; Anne Krieg, Secretary; Nathan Young; Fred Cook; Greg Veilleux; Bob Bahr; George Seavey; Amy Powers; Greg Gordon*

**II. Excused Absences**

*Phippen and Paradis were excused.*

**III. Minutes were tabled.**

**IV. The agenda was adopted by a motion from Veilleux and a second from Bahr.**

**V. Staff Reports**

**A. Report from Greg Gordon on meeting with Bus Companies**

Idling issues were discussed. He noted that the bus needs to circulate air and build it up for the brake system. Newer buses work more efficiently. The 5 minute idling regulation is to allow for this air build-up. The group discussed if a bus company could come to the group to discuss the situation.

*Cook moved with a second from Veilleux moved to request Greg Gordon ask for a bus company representative to come speak to the group. All were in favor of the motion.*

**B. Update from Anne Krieg on Recycling Bin project**

The group discussed what types of recycling would be in the bin. There was a desire to have returnable's, paper and trash in 3 bins that are accessible without a lock. Krieg will give a few specifications to Powers directly.

**VI. Regular Business**

**A. Continue discussion with Ocean Properties on future plans for West Street and service to Cruise Ship tenders and passengers.**

Cook requested if a representative from the Ferry come to a future meeting. Krieg to follow up.

**B. Environmental Monitoring – Water Quality**

Group discussed asking a member of the Marine Resource Committee to come to a meeting to ask their interest in this monitoring, specifically Jane Disney.

State Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has budget and operation issues so they cannot be relied upon. Powers indicated she could request an industry representative to give a workshop date. ANP also has an environmental monitoring program for them to come to the meeting.

**C. Walking Map - Report from walking map sub-committee**

Krieg updated the group. The state will get back to her on their ability to assist. Powers indicated they want to create a relationship with the towns/ports.

The group discussed the budget cycle and that fee monies cannot be spent until after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The group also discussed the budget process staff is currently undergoing with Warrant Committee. Concerns were expressed about the use of these funds.

Young noted that he has a difficulty in hiring part-time help in his department due to training requirements and interested help. He also updated the group on the T105 town facility.

We are doing EFT payment system with the cruise lines now and not the agent for all ships except for Royal Caribbean.

There was discussion and questions as to whether Harborside could add signage to help guide visitors.

Powers asked Young if the town could do a proposal for costs as Police for the industry to fund until July 1, 2009. He needs 2 additional officers.

Veilleux indicated the second bus stop needs to happen with the first ship.

Young will prepare a proposal and Fogg and Powers will bring it to their industry meeting in Florida and will report back next time.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was a discussion about a communication regarding changes in ships at Royal Caribbean,

Liz Weston from ANP indicated that from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> is bus restriction on Cadillac and that there is going to be construction at the Jordan Pond going on right now.

Powers asked the group if we can use fee funds to have a place for photographs, perhaps at Harborview Park. Krieg said if we use public funds to create something, the spot should be on public property.

Powers indicated she asked for funding \$25,000 for her position. She wants to upgrade her website to add passenger experiences for each port. She is looking to Maine Office of Tourism to assist in this venture. Compared to Canada we in Maine spend a fraction on cruise ship development.

**VIII. Items for next agenda**

**A. Ferry Terminal folks**

**B. Updates on projects**

**C. Marine Resource Committees**

- D. Response to proposal for police support in current fiscal year ship visits**
- E. Bus company representative**
- IX. Set next meeting time, date and place**
  - A. 8:30am, April 16, 2009 in Council Chambers.**
- X. Adjournment at 9:40 AM by a motion from Powers and a second from Young.**